Lafayette Theater.

"The Burgomaster," first and most successful of Pixley and Luder's musical comedies, will open a week's engagement at the Lafayette Theater Monday with a special matinee. "The Burgomaster" is no stranger to Washington, and evidences of his popularity with the theater-going population have been furnished on previous

This year the company is headed by Oscar L. Figman, a young comedian whose work has received favorable comment, and who has the role of Peter Stuyvesant, the easygoing, good-natured burgomaster of New Amsterdam, whose motto is, "Never let yourself be worried; just keep cool." Olga von Hatzfeldt will appear as "Willie von Astorbilt," the New York youth who shows the hurromaster and his secretary. shows the burgomaster and his secretary, "Doodle," a glimpse of the real New York. Others in the cast are Charles Sharp, Oscar B. Ragland, Fred Bailey, R. J. Moye, George McKissock, Louis Brackett, Hartist Sheldon Dorothy Rae, Mae Franklin riett Sheldon, Dorothy Rae, Mae Franklin and the Lockhart sisters.

"On the Suwanee River."

"On the Suwanee River," which took a rest last season, will be the offering at the Academy for the week commencing Monday, January 2. As may be inferred from the title, it is a story of life in the southland, but it is promised that this presentation has not so distorted and erased the true southerner as to make him unrecognizable. There is nothing of the sensational type, no horse races, no cotton presses to almost crush the heroine, no mechanical monstrosity. Full advantage has been taken of the opportunity for scenic display. The first act shows a typical southern planter's residence, with the exterior surroundings and the old Suwanee river in the distance. The plantation hands are there to the fulfillment of detail, and they are in no way forced upon the audience. The company includes Laura Bennett in the character of Aunt Lindy, Ethel Dunbar, Cecelia Griffith, T. T. Rook, W. L. Clark, Earl At-kinson, Harrison Stedman, Ray Montgomery and the Clover Leaf Quartet. Matinees will be given on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, and extra New Year matinee on Monday.

Kernan's.

A burlesque organization which has taken unto itself the title of "Runaway Girls" will be the attraction at the Lyceum Theater next week. The company includes "La Vails," arialists, and others.

Three One-Act Plays.

The first exhibition performance by the pupils of the Robert Hickman School of Acting will be given at the Lafayette Theater on Friday afternoon, January 20. Three bright and entertaining one-act plays will be produced instead of Ibsen's "Master Builder," as at first announced. The lattey play was decided to be too morbid in tone to please the taste of the general public, besides being unsuited to the purposes of the exhibition.

Among those residents of Washington who will appear in one or more of the three plays are: Mr. George A. Bentley, who last year played in the Kleptomaniac' at the Lafayette Theater, and later with Mr. William A. Graham and Mr. Findly Hayes, an actor for many years on the professional stage, who is now a resident of Washington. Among the ladles in the cast will be Miss Myrtle Olm-lead, sister of Stanley Olmstead, the and Mr. Findly Hayes, an actor for many years on the professional stage, who is ladies in the cast will be Miss Myrtle Olmadles in the cast will be Miss Myrtle Offistead, sister of Stanley Olmstead, the
ylanist, and Miss Irene Howard, who was
fast year Miss Ewith Wynne Matheson's
understudy in Ben Greet's production of
"Everyman." Mr. Hickman will also appear in a part which he played recently
with Miss Odette Tyler in vaudeville. The plays to be presented are "A House of Cards," "Box and Cox, Married and Settled," and "Edith's Divorce."

Vecsey.

Daniel Frohman announces the first appearance in America of the young artist, Franz von Vecsey, the Hungarian violinist, at the Columbia Theater Tuesday afternoon, January 24, at 4:30 o'clock. Von Vecsey is barely twelve years old. Joachim, the great violinist, declared him a wonderchild, such as never been seen or heard of, and himself has led the orchestra at several of his Berlin concerts, at the last one of which Vecsey played the great Beethoven Concerto. He has given twelve concerts in Berlin, where he began his public career. Russia, England and throughout Germany The press, the public, scientists have been aghast at his almost supernatural skill. Reservation for seats may now be filed at T. Arthur Smith's.

Little Johnny Jones.

On Monday, January 9 George M. Cohan will appear at the Columbia Theater in a piece called "Little Johnny Jones." Singing, bright costumes and fun are the pur poses which inspire the production, which is heralded as the season's fastest vehicle

Adgie and Her Lions.

For the week commencing at the Monday matinee, January 9, Chase's will submit Mile. Adgie and her den of performing lions, in thrilling arenic act; the famous Six Musical Guttys, Digby Bell, Foy and Clark, Kelley and Ashby, acrobatic pantomime comedians; Marion Garson, prima donna soprano; Eldora, the juggler, and motion pictures of "The Voyage to the

especially amusing to ladies and children on acount of its spectacular atmosphere and scored

"Great Automobile Mystery."

A representation of Madison Square Garden on the night of the Arion ball, New York's prominent annual function, is one of the striking effects in "The Great Automobile Mystery." Theodore Kremer's mas-ter work, which is to fill a week's engage-ment at the Academy commencing Monday

AJIDE

The "King Dodo" company closes its season in Cincinnati tonight, and something like sixty people will be thrown out of employment.

When Maude Adams presents "As You Like It," Frederick Lewis, who has been starring in "The Raven," will play the

William Jerome and Gene Swartz, the authors of "Bedelia," have disposed of their latest composition, "My Irish In-dian," to Charles Frohman, who not alone has bought the rights for America, but for England as well.

Henry W. Savage has sold the entire

Mr. Edward Terry, the English actor, made his first appearance in this country at New York last Monday afternoon in the matinee performance of "The House of Burnside." The actor and play's reception

was very appreciative.

Charles Ross and Mabel Fenton will cease to be stars after January 7 and will return to vaudeville. A portion of the company will be merged with that of "The Lost Boy," in which Edward Biondell is appear-

This is announced as Frederick Warde's last season as a Shakespearean star. Next season he will make a lecture tour and then retire from the stage permanently.

A new leading man will accompany Ber-tha Galland in "Dorothy Vernon" when she resumes her road tour next week. Orin Johnson, who has been acting in that capacity, has tendered his resignation. Neither J. Fred Zimmerman nor Mr. Johnson has offered an explanation of the withdrawal.

Flora Parker has been engaged by Nat C. Goodwin for the juvenile role in "The Usurper" and made her first appearance with the comedian in Boston last Monday night. Miss Parker was once a member of the old Bijou stock company in this city.

Failing to get an engagement on the stage, says a cablegram from London, the Earl of Rosslyn has entered politics and accepted the post of secretary to the secretary of state of Scotland. Lord Rosslyn has not had a theatrical engagement since his return to London from New York a year

Henry Russell, managing director of the San Carlo Opera Company, which has just closed a successful engagement in London, has obtained the sole right to produce in Great Britain for the year 1905, with an option for 1906, Cliea's opera "Adrienne Lecouvreur." Several other London managers had announced this piece in prepara-tion, but Mr. Russell holds the documents, and he has not only the English, but the French rights as well.

James K. Hackett got in ahead of several American managers and secured all the rights for this country of the great London success, "The Walls of Jericho," which he will present next season. The star part is a strong one and the author of the play, Mr. Sutro, gave Mr. Hackett the pref-erence, as he considered him the ideal actor

Mabel Frenyear, one of the best known chorus girls in the country, was secretly married in Chicago last week to Thomas R. Finucane, a young Rochester millionaire and prominent official of the big Strombert Carlson Electrical Company of Chicago.

C. Leslie Allen, the father of Viola Allen, and who plays the part of the old shepherd in "A Winter's Tale," left the company at Albany last week and went to New York city suffering from pneumonia. Mr. Allen is very ill, but his physician believes he will be able to rejoin his daughter next

Charles Frohman's production of James M. Barrie's "Peter Pan" in London last Monday night proved to be one of the de-lights of the English season. It was re-ceived with the utmost enthusiasm. The plece is a dainty concoction of fairy lore and dime novel extravaganza.

The Shubert Brothers are reported to be trying to obtain Mr. Edwin Foy to play the leading part in their production of "The Earl and the Girl," which will be given an all-summer run in New York. This is the Seymour Hicks piece, which is running successfully in London is running successfully in London.

With the passing of "The Secret of Poli-chinelle," the veteran, William H. Thomp-son, passed from the management of James K. Hackett to that of Liebler & Co. He has been engaged to take the part of "Finch McComas" in the Arnold Daly production of "You Never Can Tell." ance in New York early in April, under the

"The Eternal Feminine" has not proved the success expected by Margaret Anglin, and the piece will be withdrawn next week. The company will put in rehearsal imme-diately George Middleton's "The Vital Is-sue," and it will probably be seen for the first time in Cincinnati on January 9. John Kellerd will be Miss Angling leading man

Kellerd will be Miss Anglin's leading man when her tour is resumed. Miss Gertrude Whitty, wife of Thomas A. Wise, the well-known comedian, last Wednesday night assumed one of the leading character parts in "It Happened in Nordland," now running in New York. Miss Whitty took the place of Miss May Rob-son, who was released to Charles Frohman

by Hamlin, Mitchell & Fields. The company which George Edwardes is sending to America for the production of "The Duchess of Dantzic" comes all the from Scotland. The company has been playing for a month at Glasgow and goes direct to New York from that city,

where it is expected the piece will run an Mrs. H. C. DeMille, the widow of the playwright of that name, has decided upon a novel plan to present news plays. She had obtained a dozen original manuscripts

and will present the pieces in New York at special matinees. If any of the plays prove successful, Mrs. DeMille expects to be reimbursed through the sale of the same. Despairing of finding a play sufficiently promising to warrant the outlay incident

to a new production, Amelia Bingham last Wednesday signed a contract with Harry Davis of Pittsburg for a season of four weeks as a stock star at the Alvin Theater. Miss Bingham's old repertoire will be presented during the engagement. Harry Woodruff will be the leading man.

Miss Mabel Taliaferro, who is now playing the part of Lovey Mary in "Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabb ge Patch," in New York, is to be transferred to Arnold Daly's York, is to be transferred to Arnold Daty's company, which will start out January 9 with George Bernard Shaw's play, "You Never Can Tell." Miss Taliaferro will be seen in the part of Dolly Clandon. Her role in "Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch" will be taken by Miss Sallie Clayton. will be taken by Miss Sallie Clayton.

"Me, Him and I."

"Me spectacular musical comedy which will be seen at the Lafayette Opera House the week commencing January 9, is advertised by the management as the special sections with which the play abounds. In the properties of the special sections with which the play abounds. In the properties of the special sections with which the play abounds. In the properties of the special sections with which the play abounds. In the properties of the special section with which the play abounds. In the properties of the special section with which the play abounds. In the properties of the special section with the play abounds. minor roles the greatest successes were scored by Eugene O'Rourke, Brandon Hurst, Daisy Atherton and Lillian Thur-

In the play-naming contest conducted at McVicker's Theater, Chicago, last week, 1,000 titles were suggested for "The Kreutzer Sonata." which is to be renamed. From out of the thousand. "The Mills of the Gods' was selected as the most appro-priate, and Miss Ella Garden of Seneca, Ill., won \$25 for submitting it. "The Judg-ment" and "A Daughter of Israel," two other titles, won second and third prizes,

Since the disbandment of the Bostonians the old favorites of the company do not appear to be meeting with success. Henry Clay Barnabee has not yet found the road to prosperity, W. H. McDonald encountered a fiasco in "A China Doll," and last Satur-day George Frothingham was released from Lillian Russell's company. Clarence Handy-sides, recently with Fritzi Scheff, has been engaged for the role of Sir Oliver Surface.

Instead of being frightened from their plans to dramatize "In the Bishop's Carriage" by the similarity of its theme to that of "Leah Kleschna," Liebler & Company are making active preparations for a production of the resultant play, and it looks now as if Margaret Anglin would get

Henry W. Savage has sold the entire production of "Peggy From Paris," the musical satire by George Ade and William Lorraine, to Madison Corey. The company, under the management of Mr. Corey, is now playing the west.

After an illness lasting several weeks Clara Braithwaite, an actress better known as Mrs. John Glendenning, died in New York last week. She was a native of England and her last engagement was with "The School Girl."

W. S. Gilbert, the English librettist, has decided to invest some of the royalties earned by "Pinafore" and the "Mikado"

Hyndham's theater, London, has been taken by Charles Hamilton for a period of five weeks for the production of "Peggy Machree," a musical play by Patrick Bidweil, incidental music having been arranged by Signor Michele Esposito. "Peggy Machree" has already been successful in the English provinces. The scenes are laid in Ireland in the middle of the eighteenth century and the plot is a dainty love story simply told, the idea being to avoid anything like musical comedy and to keep it as far as posible in the atmosphere of the period. The piece will probably be seen in this country next season.

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